

REMARKS

The pending claims in this application are now Claims 1-7, 10-15, 18-22, 25-27, 29, 32-36, and 39-41. Applicants have cancelled Claims 8-9, 16-17, 23-24, 28, 30-31, 37-38, and 42-43.

The Examiner has held that Claims 9, 17, 24, 38, and 43 define patentable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 9. Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 17. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 24. Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 38. And Claim 39 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 43.

Therefore, independent Claims 1, 10, 18, 32, and 39, and all claims dependent therefrom, are believed allowable.

Applicants have also amended Claims 25 and 29 to include limitations similar to those added to the other independent claims. Therefore, Claims 25 and 29, and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed allowable.

In view of the amendments made above, no discussion of the references is believed necessary.

Applicants submit that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request reconsideration by the Examiner, and early favorable action.